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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERY ON CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF QUESTION TAKEN AT DEPARTMENT
PRESS BRIEFING 8/30 AND ANSWER PROVIDED 8/31:

BEGIN QUOTE: QUESTION: HAS THE SECOND ROUND OF US-BRAZIL-
IAN MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS BEEN SCHEDULED AND IF SO WILL
SECRETARY KISSINGER BE TRAVELLING TO LATIN AMERICA FOR THEM?

ANSWER: WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT A MEETING OF THE CABINET LEVEL
CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM ESTABLISHED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT
TO BRAZIL, WILL BE HELD THIS FALL. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
HAVE THIS UNDER DISCUSSION NOW TO WORK OUT FINAL ARRANGE-
MENTS, BUT THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT WILL BE HELD IN THE
UNITED STATES. MEANWHILE, MEETINGS OF THE CONSULTATIVE
GROUPS ON TRADE, ON ENERGY COOPERATION AND ON GENERAL
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER
IN BRAZIL. END QUOTE.

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS THAT ABOVE RESPONSE WAS MADE TO DIRECT QUERY BY NEWSMAN WHICH WE BELIEVED SHOULD BE MET WITH SOMETHING MORE THAN NON-COMMITTAL ANSWER. EMBA"SY MAY WISH TO ADD THAT ON OTHER HAND INDEFINITENESS OF THE REPLY WITH RESPECT TO THE CABINET LEVEL GROUP MEETING DOES NOT INDICATE ANY SOFTENING OF

OCTOBER 4 AND 5 DATES FROM OUR SIDE, BUT SIMPLY REFLECTS OUR RELUCTANCE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ON THESE PLANS WITHOUT PRIOR COORDINATION WITH THE GOB. WE EXPECT TO INITIATE SUCH COORDINATION SOON WITH A VIEW TO SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS. ROBINSON

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